

U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/815,275  
Applicant: Barron, et al.

### **REMARKS**

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Dunwoody for the careful review of this patent application. Prior to entry of this *Amendment*, Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. Claims 1, 3-9, 12, 14-17, and 19 were rejected, and Claims 2, 13, and 18 were objected to.

#### **Claim Rejections**

In the *Office Action* of 10 January 2005, the Examiner noted that Claims 2, 13, and 18 would be allowable if written in independent form. Such amendments have been made. Accordingly, upon entry of this *Amendment*, Claims 2-11, 13-16, and 18-19 are currently pending in this *Application* with Claims 1, 12, and 17 being canceled without prejudice.

#### **Specification**

Also, in the specification, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of informality. The specification has been amended to correct minor editorial or clerical problems. The *Amendment* to the specification does not constitute new matter.

#### **Oath/Declaration**

The Examiner stated that the oath or declaration was defective. In order to correct the Examiner's objection to the oath or declaration, an *Application Data Sheet* is included herewith.

#### **Drawings**

The Examiner also objected to the drawings, noting that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the O-rings.

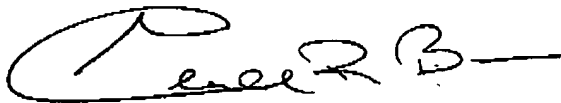
O-rings are claimed in Claim 11, which depends on Claim 2. The O-rings are shown in the drawings, specifically Fig. 2. As disclosed in the specification, the sealing gasket 38 may be an O-ring. As Fig. 2 illustrates, the sealing gasket is in the shape of an O-ring. The specification, on page 8, lines 1-14, describe the O-rings. This paragraph states that "preferably gasket 38 has a filled figure eight cross sectional shape similar to that of a pair of O-rings joined together."

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this objection, in light of the description disclosed in the specification and illustrated in Fig. 2.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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